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## PRESS RELEASE

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**Type of Incident:** National Take Back Initiative **Location:** Huntington Beach Police Department

## **Details:**

On April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012, the Huntington Beach Police Department will be participating in the Federal Drug Enforcement Administration's Fourth Annual "**National Take Back Initiative**". The purpose of the event is to collect accumulated unwanted, unused prescription drugs, and to safely dispose of those medications.

Americans that participated in last year's National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day on October 29, 2011, turned in more than 377,086 pounds (188.5 tons) of unwanted or expired medications for safe and proper disposal at the 5,327 take-back sites that were available in all 50 states and U.S. Territories. When the results of the three prior Take-Back Days are combined, the DEA, and its state, local, and tribal law-enforcement and community partners have removed 995,185 pounds (498.5 tons) of medication from circulation in the past 13 months.

The event will take place between the hours of 10:00 am and 2:00 pm in the lobby of the Police Department building at 2000 Main Street, Huntington Beach 92648. If you would like further information please call the Narcotics Unit at (714) 536-5981